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Clinton to announce upgrading of bilateral security ties

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton, arriving here tonight as a gesture of solidarity after four suicide bombings, is to announce tomorrow his intention to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) next month upgrading the security relationship between the two countries, officials say.

Peacemakers," which he called "an important step in the process toward peace in the Middle East." The MOU will be signed during Prime Minister Shimon Peres's visit to Washington on April 19, officials say. As part of it, Israel is expected to gain greater intelligence cooperation with the US, including access to high-resolution satellite photos that it has been denied in the past.

Weizman won't greet Clinton at airport

denied Israel for many years. The executive agreement would also enhance Israel's status as a major non-NATO ally, and will also include provisions of a US-Israel anti-terrorism package, which will include equipment and funding. Negotiations on this aspect of the agreement have already begun. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, CIA Director John Deutch, and State Department special coordinator

DAVID MAKOVSKY and HILLEL KUTTLER for the peace process Dennis Ross will all stay here after Clinton leaves Thursday to further discuss the anti-terrorism initiative. The MOU falls short of a full-blown defense treaty between the two countries. Such a full-treaty has been sharply opposed by the defense establishment here, fearing its net effect would be to tie

Israel's hands from retaliating unilaterally in the event of an attack. The first MOU between the US and Israel was reached in 1981, but scuttled after Israel declared it would apply its sovereignty on the Golan Heights. A subsequent MOU, codifying strategic cooperation, was reached two years later. The last MOU was reached between Yitzhak Shamir and Ronald Reagan in 1988.

After today's conference, Peres is to fly with Clinton on Air Force One to Ben-Gurion Airport. Tonight, Clinton is to meet with President Ezer Weizman. Weizman will not greet Clinton at the airport, because he thinks an official reception should be in Jerusalem, Israel Radio reported. American sources traveling with Clinton said he did not want an official Jerusalem reception, because it would imply American recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. The meeting with Weizman tonight will be informal.

Tomorrow morning, Clinton will participate in a symbolic cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, and hold his first meeting ever with Likud opposition leader Binyamin Netanyahu, perhaps to counter-balance charges that his trip to Israel is being made to bolster Peres's sagging electoral fortunes after the four suicide bombings. While in Jerusalem, Clinton will also hold a press conference, where he is expected to announce his intent to sign the MOU. From (Continued on Page 9)



David Levy, Binyamin Netanyahu, and Rafael Eitan sign the agreement to field a joint ticket in the upcoming national elections. Isaac Harel

Likud, Gesher complete deal for joint ticket

WITH three public handshakes, Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu and Gesher leader David Levy yesterday officially ended three years of bitter enmity and signed an agreement to run on a joint ticket in the upcoming elections. Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan, the other partner in the threesome, looked embarrassed as the two rivals played to the cameras recording the signing ceremony in the Knesset yesterday. Despite the apparent reconciliation, the signing was postponed from noon to 4 p.m. while Likud officials pretended there was a technical hitch in printing the agreement. In fact, the parties were still working out the deal. One of the difficult clauses appears to be one preventing Netanyahu from firing Levy, No. 2 on the joint list. The problem centered around phrasing the agreements with Tsomet and Gesher so that the policy planks in both agreements would mesh. There were technical hitches, typos, missing words, and slight discrepancies in the two versions of the new list's platform. The signing ceremony was crowded not only with supporters;

LIAT COLLINS, SARAH HONIG, and MICHAL YUDLEMAN of the three parties, but also with members of rival parties who felt the union had to be seen to be believed. There were, however, some noticeable absences, including the deal's opponents, the so-called "Likud princes": Dan Meridor, Ze'ev Begin, Ehud Olmert, and Uzi Landau. MK Ariel Sharon, who handled the negotiations between Netanyahu and Levy, looked happy and relieved. But many of the Likud MKs present left the room without raising a glass to toast the trilateral agreement, having seen their chances for a seat in the next Knesset diminish considerably due to the safe seats given to Tsomet and Gesher. Both Netanyahu and Levy stressed in their speeches that they had made an effort to bury their hatchets. "The union is the only way to put the state on the road to a secure peace three years after an experiment [Oslo] which failed. We know it is essential because we saw what happened without unity," Netanyahu said, referring to the fractured voting which lost the Likud the last elections.

"There was a chasm and there are those who want to emphasize it," Levy said. "[But] we've come today to speak about tomorrow. And tomorrow starts now." Eitan praised the union in a brief statement. At the press conference following the ceremony, Netanyahu refused to say which government positions would go to Levy and Eitan if the joint party wins the election. Levy avoided answering a question on his intentions should they lose the elections. Labor and Meretz reacted to the agreement with contempt. Labor issued a statement branding the agreement "a technical combination of people who lack minimal respect for each other. This is a list based solely on the lust of power, devoid of any serious, responsible political and social program." Interior Minister Haim Ramon, one of Labor's election campaign heads, said "this agreement is bad for the state. It is an attempt by Binyamin Netanyahu, Ariel Sharon, David Levy, and Rafael Eitan to reach power. These are four men who despise each other and have no capability of working together." (Continued on Page 2)

Hefetz: Hamas planning attack during Clinton visit

BILL HUTMAN HAMAS is planning a major terror attack aimed at marring the visit of US President Bill Clinton, which begins this afternoon, Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said yesterday. Hefetz said Israel had recommended to US officials that Clinton not visit the two Jaffa Road Hamas suicide bombing sites, for security reasons. The US officials apparently agreed, and Clinton will not lay wreaths at the sites, as originally planned. "We have intelligence information showing that they will try to carry out a major attack. Hamas itself announced it plans an attack," Hefetz said. The intelligence information was not detailed, and it is unclear exactly where Hamas will try and attack, Hefetz added. The inspector-general was speaking to reporters after a meeting of police brass in Jerusalem to (Continued on Page 9)

Israel, Egypt disagree on goals of conference

Anti-terror parley today

ON THE eve of this morning's unprecedented international anti-terrorism conference in Sharm e-Sheikh, Israel and Egypt differed over what sort of regional anti-terror consultative mechanism would be announced at the end of the parley, senior officials said. The one-day conference, co-sponsored by Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak and US President Bill Clinton and called the "Summit of the Peacemakers," will bring together representatives from 29 countries, all dedicated to fighting terrorism and promoting Middle East peace. A US official underscored the symbolic importance of the conference, saying: "Statements from Arab leaders in the last few days have been explicit. They are opposing terrorism against Israel in a way that would have not been possible before the peace process. Arab leaders are also realizing that they have a common interest with Israel, as many of them are afflicted with the same terror."

DAVID MAKOVSKY against terror is expected to be made after a meeting this morning between Clinton and Mubarak before the conference begins. Mubarak dispatched national security adviser Osama Baz to Jerusalem yesterday to consult with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Barak about the final communique. The communique was also the reason Barak flew to Amman, where the Hamas office there was also discussed. Some non-Jordanians involved with the office have already been deported, a senior Israeli security official said. "We would like the establishment of a very clear and concrete Arab-Israeli consultative mechanism to deal with terror. On the other hand, Egypt would like to

downplay it and not announce it publicly," a senior official in the Prime Minister's Office said. "For us, such a mechanism is important, as it would give a regional security dimension to the peace process. While Israel already has a few bilateral security relationships with Arab states, such a body would be significant, as it would be multilateral." Israel has bilateral security relationships with Egypt, Jordan, and the Palestinians, and is known to have quiet security links with Morocco and Oman. Barak said an agreement had not been reached on the type of mechanism to be established. He said he hoped that it could involve the establishment of a "Middle East (Continued on Page 9)

Guest list

- The official list of attendees at the "Summit of Peacemakers," according to the Egyptian Foreign Ministry.
- US President Bill Clinton
 - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak
 - Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres
 - Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat
 - Jordan's King Hussein
 - UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali
 - British Prime Minister John Major
 - French President Jacques Chirac
 - Russian President Boris Yeltsin
 - Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmed Attaf
 - Bahraini Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa
 - Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien
 - German Chancellor Helmut Kohl
 - Irish Prime Minister John Bruton
 - Italian Prime Minister Lamberto Dini
 - Japanese Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda
 - Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah
 - Mauritanian Prime Minister Cheikh El Afia Ould Mohamed Khouna
 - Morocco's King Hassan
 - Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland
 - Omani special representative Thawad bin Shebab al-Said
 - Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr al-Thani
 - European Commission Vice President Manuel Marín
 - Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal
 - Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez
 - Tunisian Foreign Minister Habib Ben Yahia
 - Turkish President Suleyman Demirel
 - UAE Foreign Minister Rashid Abdullah al-Nuaimi
 - Yemeni Foreign Minister Abdul-Karim al-Iryani
- (Reuters)

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UK tour operators ban trips to capital, TA DOUGLAS DAVIS LONDON BRITAIN'S leading tour operators have imposed a total ban on the sale of package holidays to Israel involving visits to Jerusalem or Tel Aviv. The operators, who control more than 90 percent of the British holiday package market, will offer customers who have already booked trips to Israel a cash refund or alternative vacation destinations. Eilat-only holidays are excluded from the ban. The decision was made by the 18 constituent members of (Continued on Page 2)

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'Arafat can halt terror if he wants to'

PALESTINIAN Authority President Yasser Arafat's lack of action against the terror infrastructure in the autonomous areas and the Sharm e-Sheikh conference were the two main themes running through the report 'Brigade Ya'acov Amidror, head of the research division of military intelligence, presented to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

Amidror had been invited to testify before a committee of the US Congress yesterday, but Prime Minister Shimon Peres vetoed his appearance.

Amidror's report to the committee, part of which was read from the written report he submitted to the congressional panel, made several points which Peres would find difficult to publicly agree with.

Although Amidror described the Sharm e-Sheikh conference as an achievement for bringing together some countries which had never discussed the terror issue before, he said "attention had been deflected from terror to the negotiations and the peace process."

"Any decision taken will completely lack teeth. If anyone expects something practical to come

LIAT COLLINS

out of the conference, they are naive," he said according to an official briefing.

He said the conference served as a political cover for Arafat, who had stepped up detentions of terror suspects, but this could just be for the duration of the gathering.

Amidror noted that in the last 72 hours, the PA had arrested several senior politicians and terrorists and had entered mosques and seized weapons.

"He has hit at the infrastructure more than in the past, which only goes to prove what we said: He could do it if he wanted to."

"The Islamic Jihad is weak and, if Arafat chooses, it could be eradicated within a few days, but Hamas is difficult to get rid of. You can trim its branches, but you can't pull out its roots."

"The PA hasn't done enough to fight these organizations. Arafat could do it. He has public support after the elections and has strong security forces and an interest, but it's not clear whether he decided to cross the Rubicon. The possible reasons are that he doesn't see terror as a moral problem, but a political one."

"He doesn't see himself helping Israel beyond thwarting attacks. A bloodbath in Palestinian society is worse in his eyes than terror in Israel."

"Why he waited until now to detain the Hamas activists and until when he will carry on doing it, there are no answers."

Before Yihye Ayyash was killed, he prepared an infrastructure in Gaza, while Arafat denied he was there. All the explosives used in the recent attacks were prepared in Gaza, Amidror said.

He said Iran's level of support for the Palestinians is greater than its level of influence. "The Islamic Jihad is influenced by what Iran says, but Hamas is deeply rooted in Palestinian society. While it receives its support and training from Iran, Iran doesn't determine its policy."

Amidror said that since Israel has decided to negotiate with Arafat, it must refrain from actions which could unseat him.

"In the current circumstances, there are no other partners. If that alliance collapses, there will be utter chaos. We must strengthen Arafat, because he is the only one who can handle the Palestinians. A freeze in the negotiations could bring Arafat down."



Jordanian Prime Minister Abed el-Karim Kabriti (right) welcomes Foreign Minister Ehud Barak to Amman for a lightning visit yesterday. (Yitzhak Elbaraz/Scoop 80)

Barak, Amman coordinate anti-terror moves

NICHAL YUDELMAN

AMMAN

ISRAEL and Jordan yesterday decided to cooperate in their fight against terrorism by setting up a mechanism of joint consultations and information exchange.

This was decided during Foreign Minister Ehud Barak's lightning visit to Amman yesterday, when he met Crown Prince Hassan and Prime Minister Abed el-Karim Kabriti to coordinate positions for the anti-terror conference at Sharm e-Sheikh.

Barak was accompanied by representatives of the General Security Service and the Mossad, who discussed with their Jordanian counterparts ways of acting against Hamas in Jordan.

In their statement after the meeting, Hassan and Barak said both countries see the anti-terror conference as an important event which will lead to practical steps to destroy terrorism.

Hassan condemned terrorist suicide attacks as being opposed to Islam and stressed that Jordan's peace agreement with Israel includes both states' obligation to fight against terrorism. He also sharply attacked countries which shelter terrorists, including Syria.

Barak commended Jordan for its firm and responsible acts against terrorism within it, emphasizing that "Jordan is not part of that bunch [the states harboring terrorists]. We have deep appreciation for what they are doing."

Olmert threatens to boycott Clinton visit

BILL HUTMAN

JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert threatened a municipal boycott of US President Bill Clinton's visit if Clinton does not include a memorial event in the capital and the government does not cooperate more with the city in planning the visit.

Olmert ordered city schools not to send pupils to tomorrow's terror victims memorial ceremony in Tel Aviv.

The mayor also instructed municipal departments not to help in arrangements for the visit, such as announcing what roads will be closed and flying US flags on city streets.

Last night, Prime Minister Shimon Peres contacted Olmert in an effort to prevent the boycott, according to municipal sources.

Olmert had earlier sent an angry message to Peres alleging the government and Clinton were ignoring Jerusalem as much as possible during the visit in order to avoid angering the Palestinians, who also have claims on the city.

"Many of those killed in terrorist attacks over the past year were students from schools in Jerusalem. Our students deserve at least some attention," Olmert said in a statement.

The municipal spokesman said Olmert presented the Prime Minister's Office with a list of potential Jerusalem sites for a memorial service with Clinton, but said these were rejected and a Tel Aviv site was chosen instead.

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Security finalized for Clinton's Tel Aviv visit

RAINE MARCUS

BEN-GURION Airport will come to a standstill this afternoon and Tel Aviv will grind to a halt tomorrow for US President Bill Clinton's visit.

Central District and Tel Aviv police and security forces finalized their arrangements yesterday for stringent measures for the visit.

Clinton is expected to arrive at Ben-Gurion from Sharm e-Sheikh this evening. A short ceremony will take place before he leaves for Jerusalem. The airport, main highway, and surrounding areas will be heavily guarded by police, Border Police, Civil Guard volunteers, and the IDF.

Preparations began yesterday, with 1,000 policemen in the central district alone on full alert.

Security forces will also patrol along the Green Line in the central district following the passage of terror suspects.

During Clinton's Tel Aviv visit police are expected to seal off all streets near the Tel Aviv Museum from the early morning hours.

Cars will not be allowed to park in the area where Clinton is scheduled to speak to high school students, near the museum. He is not expected to visit Kikar Rabin, nor the site of the Dizengoff Center bombing.

Army allows flour, produce into Gaza

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and JON IMMANUEL

THE army is allowing more than 80 trucks filled with flour and produce to enter the Gaza Strip from Egypt, and has ordered troops not to delay sick people seeking medical treatment in Israel, provided they get approval, an official said yesterday.

Israel also plans today to reopen the Karni crossing, through which the Dizengoff suicide bomber was smuggled in, to allow food and other supplies to reach Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, said Shlomo Dror, a spokesman for the government coordinator in the territories.

"Once increased security arrangements are complete, then we'll start using Karni crossing again," he said. "You have to remember that terrorists have taken advantage of Israeli humanitarianism."

He added that the two Beit Lid bombers posed as blind people to enter into Israel.

Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr said the strict closure will not continue much longer.

"The closure was aimed at giving people a sense of security," Orr said during a tour of Jordan Valley settlements. "The question is how long can we maintain this kind of closure. People have to eat, and they have to work. Until now, it has proven itself, but over time we will have to ease it."

Meanwhile, an IDF major will face court-martial in connection with the death of Shaker Shar-

ahni, 2, whose parents were held up at a road block for nearly an hour while taking him from their home in Kalkilya to a hospital in Tulkarim.

"There was a screw up and that is being investigated," said Lt. Col. Danny Tirza, an assistant to OC Judea and Samaria Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ofir.

"The officer was not sensitive enough to the problem and will face disciplinary action," he said, adding an army investigation revealed there was no direct link between the officer's behavior and the baby's death.

The army is also investigating the death of twins, born prematurely after their mother was delayed at an army roadblock as she was being taken from the village of Nahalin to a hospital in Bethlehem.

In Gaza, last week's rallies against terror have become this week's rallies against the closure, which Palestine Authority President Yasser Arafat denounced as "an unhumanitarian act." Palestinians also demonstrated in Ramallah and Jericho.

"We have already denounced terror, so why does Israel maintain collective punishment against us?" asked Mohammed Kidwa, head of the Gaza chamber of commerce.

"We want milk for our children and medicine for our sick," said banners in Gaza City.

Marwan Barghouti, who heads

Fatah in the West Bank, called the closure "Israeli terrorism."

The switch from condemning Hamas terrorism to attacking Israeli countermeasures could erode the PA's resolve to crack down on Hamas. In a Palestinian poll, which said 5 percent support the suicide attacks of the last 10 days, another 15% said they oppose them, but "understand the reason."

"They are trying to squeeze us and to continue this collective punishment against all our people, all our workers, all our children, against all our families. It is an unhumanitarian act," Arafat said, before the new IDF measures were announced to ease the food shortages caused by the closure.

Congressmen demand Arafat get tough

HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

THE House International Relations Committee yesterday called on Yasser Arafat to take greater steps to fight terror, intimating they would consider cutting off US aid to the Palestinians.

The PLO's local representative here, Hassan Abdel Rahman,

came under a barrage of criticism for the PA's performance against Hamas. It was the first time a PLO official had ever testified on Capitol Hill.

Asked by Rep. Eliot Engel whether Arafat had called Yihye Ayyash a "martyr," Rahman said he had never heard that said, and that Engel's question was the first he knew of it. Rahman said that if Arafat had indeed called Ayyash a "martyr," it was only because the English translation had been wrong.

Rahman conceded the PA had used tax money to rebuild homes of terrorists that the IDF destroyed, but had done so because such acts represented cruel and collective punishment.

He also accused the Israeli extremist group Eyal of cooperating with Islamic Jihad and Hamas. Rahman said he knew nothing about Arafat releasing security suspects soon after arrest, and that in any case he does not rely on newspaper reports of such incidents.

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BRITISH

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Britain's Federation of Tour Operators and conveyed to Israeli officials over the weekend by Alan Flook, secretary-general of Britain's Federation of Tour Operators.

It followed the recent bombings that had prompted a relatively mild travel advisory by the British Foreign Office. According to the advisory, there are no direct threats to tourists, but it counseled visitors: "Using experienced tour operators/local taxi drivers minimizes risks."

Flook told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the operators were acting to reduce the risks to themselves, as they would be responsible if vacationers were killed or injured on excursions to destinations which the operators knew to involve dangers.

He insisted Israel is not being treated any differently from other countries, citing a recent similar ban on the sale of package holidays to Sri Lanka following domestic upheavals there. "We think Israel is a super place to go to," said Flook, "but we have to look over our shoulder."

According to Flook, the response from Israeli officials was "stronger than I have ever experienced from any other country." "If there are no more bombings and the situation calms down, I would expect the excursions to be started again soon," he said. "This is what we all want."

It is unknown how seriously the ban will affect the 330,000 British tourists who visit Israel each year - 75 percent of whom visit Jerusalem and Tel Aviv - but Israel Government Tourist Office director Eliezer Hod told *The Post* yesterday the cancellation rate is low. However, he was outraged by the decision. "We don't understand the action they have taken. It is quite inexplicable," he said.

Israel Tour Operators Association chairman Avi Friedman expressed "shock" at the decision and noted that is organization had not issued negative travel advice to Israelis visiting London, despite recent IRA bombings. "We have, in fact, encouraged and promoted London as a prime tourist destination in these difficult times," he told his British counterparts in a message yesterday. "We would have expected similar support from our travel colleagues and implore you to review your action."

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Gov't to help fund infrastructure in eastern Jerusalem

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset Finance Committee will allocate some of the 1996 budget funds to improving infrastructure in eastern Jerusalem, committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) said yesterday.

Gal also asked the government to prepare a five-year plan to close the gap between services in the eastern and western parts of the city. Giving equal services to all the city's inhabitants is the key to keeping the capital united under Israel's control, he said.

In a document submitted to the committee, the Jerusalem Municipality said it would need some NIS 55 million from the government to complete the work it wants to do in the eastern part of the city this year. In total, it wants to spend some NIS 198 million there. Over a five-year period, the city said, it will need some NIS 300m, not including the money needed to build an extra 325 classrooms or any money needed to expropriate land for roads or classrooms. This includes about NIS 200m to build roads, NIS 52.3m to

improve the water supply, and NIS 79m. for sewage and drainage. However, the city said, it does not have enough money to handle all these projects itself, so the government will have to help. According to the city, one of the most serious problems is improving infrastructure so the city has heco forced to waste money on temporary roads rather than being able to build permanent ones. Lack of planning has also impeded efforts to improve the water supply and sewage systems. There are still large sections of east Jerusalem with no sewage system at all, and many existing sections need to be replaced, the city said.

"The city's basic assumption is that, as a united city under Israeli sovereignty, we have a responsibility to create equality among all parts of the city," the document said. However, it noted that the city cannot handle the financial burdeu with cooperation and assistance from the government.



Magen David Adom ambulances are driven in protest past the site of the Dizengoff Center bombing yesterday. (Ossendryver/Israel Sun)

MDA workers to begin sanctions on Sunday

JUDY SIEGEL

UNLESS the government allocates NIS 7 million to pay for 68 medics to accompany Magen David Adom ambulance drivers at night, MDA workers will begin sanctions on Sunday that could lead to the shutdown of the organization. This was announced yesterday by the MDA workers' union, which met at its headquarters to discuss their demands.

Yesterday, MDA workers refused to collect blood, transport hospital patients home, or give first-aid courses. The sanctions were meant to last only 24 hours, but they will be resumed, and intensified, unless the money is found.

During the day, ambulance dri-

ver/medics are accompanied by volunteers and women doing national service, but at night they are alone, and find it impossible to resuscitate patients while driving them to the hospital.

Health Minister Ephraim Sneh has proposed that soldiers be specially trained to serve as night medics, but the Histadrut and the MDA union oppose this, arguing that they would be cheap labor and less-qualified than professional medics. The union said it would agree to the use of soldiers only in ambulances in the territories.

A union spokesman said training soldiers to work as medics

would cost money and take time; but more importantly, soldiers would be replacing qualified MDA staffers who have been dismissed due to budgetary cut-backs.

Soeh will meet with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and MDA officials on Sunday, before the cabinet meeting, to discuss the demands.

Off-duty staff parked 20 ambulances outside MDA headquarters yesterday.

After the general meeting, they drove slowly past three past terror attack sites in Tel Aviv to demonstrate the vital work they have done to save lives. They may do the same in Jerusalem next week.

Commission: MKs' car allowances not pensionable

EVELYN GORDON

MKS' car allowances should not be pensionable, the Rosen-Zvi Commission decided yesterday to a reversal of its previous position.

The commission had recommended a wide-ranging reform on MKs' pensions, which was approved by the Knesset House Committee on Monday. The main point of the reform was that MKs should only accumulate pension rights worth 2% of their salaries a year, like ordinary citizens, instead of the 4% a year they have accumulated until now. However, it also stipulated that car allowances and

car insurance payments should be made pensionable.

The Treasury objected strenuously, saying this would increase MKs' pensionable salaries by some 29.5%, or NIS 3,880 a month, and would therefore drive up salaries for some 3,000 public-sector workers whose wages are linked to those of MKs. It therefore asked the commission to reconsider its decision.

After doing so, the commission yesterday announced it had reversed its stand. In a letter to

the House Committee, chairman Ariel Rosen-Zvi said the commission's original decision had been based on a mistaken belief that, under the recommendations of the Zussman Committee on public-sector wages, car allowances would be pensionable for the entire public sector.

Furthermore, Rosen-Zvi said, the commission had underestimated the degree to which this change would inflate public-sector wages. After seeing that the Treasury's fears on this score were reasonable, the commission changed its mind, he said.

Polish president to block shopping center next to Auschwitz

LIAT COLLINS

POLISH President Aleksander Kwasniewski yesterday promised Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss he would do everything possible to thwart plans to build a shopping and entertainment center next to the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Kwasniewski phoned Weiss at the Knesset following the protest letter Weiss sent him Monday, in which he decried plans to establish the complex next to the site "which more than any other sym-

bolizes the Jewish Holocaust."

The president said having received Weiss's letter and other protests he intended to address the Polish people on radio last night and do everything possible to stop the shopping complex from being built.

Gaza man indicted for Beit Lid bombings

ABDEL Khalim Balhisi, 28, of Gaza was indicted yesterday in Lod Military Court for planning the Beit Lid bombings. The indictment also included other charges, among them membership and activity in an illegal organization.

According to the indictment, Balhisi, a clothes merchant, was convinced by colleague Iman Razeineb to join the Islamic Jihad's military arm towards the end of 1994. In December 1994, Balhisi agreed to Razeineb's request to help smuggle two Islamic Jihad members into Israel for a suicide attack.

Razeineb allegedly later showed Balhisi a map indicating three potential sites for the attack - the Ashdod, Ashkelon, and Beit Lid junctions, all areas where many soldiers waited for rides.

Balhisi also allegedly offered the use of his warehouse to store the explosives. Razeineb and another man then brought Balhisi three backpacks full of explosives, adding a plastic bottle full of gasoline and nails

to make them even more deadly.

Three suicide bombers were to have been involved, with the first attacking and the others waiting until a sufficient number of people gathered at the spot before blowing themselves up.

On January 21, 1995, Razeineb allegedly gave Balhisi the explosives, asking him to take them to Tulkarm, along with IDF uniforms for the suicide bombers. Balhisi picked up two of the bombers the next day near Ashdod; the third bomber did not show up.

Anwar Sukar and Salab Mabmed, the two suicide bombers, allegedly changed into the army clothes and boots in Balhisi's car, and helped their put on the explosives before dropping them off at Beit Lid. Balhisi denied any connection to the charges and said statements were taken from him under pressure.

The court ordered him held until the completion of proceedings against him. (Tim)

Service for Oscar van Leer

DUTCH industrialist and philanthropist Oscar van Leer, who had been instrumental in a variety of initiatives here, died on February 19. A memorial service for him will be held tomorrow at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, which he presided over for many years.

Van Leer founded the Oldelft Optical Industry in 1939 and later managed his family's business, which produced packaging products. The business's profits are given to the Bernard van Leer Foundation of the Hague, which sponsors educational and welfare activities in 40 countries.

In addition to his charitable activities, Van Leer maintained an office in Scheveningen dedicated to encouraging Dutch business involvement in Israel. With Israel's Atomic Energy Commission, Van Leer established the Sor-Van Radiation Ltd. in Yavne and his Oldelft Optical established the Electro-Optical industry in Rehovot. He was an honorary citizen of Jerusalem and a past president of the Anti-Defamation League's European branch.

Queen Beatrix knighted him and later awarded him the Honorary Medal for Ingenuity and Energetic Activity. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Israel Needs a New Policy Not an International Fig Leaf

Israel needs a new policy to achieve peace and security, not an international fig leaf for the failed "peace process"

The Sharem el Sheik Summit was initially touted as an international conference on co-operation in the fight against terrorism. First the organizers internationalized terrorism to remove the focus from Arab terrorism. Then the conference's intended purpose became "saving the peace process".

Indeed, the two are mutually exclusive. Terrorism, Palestinian Arab terrorism, cannot and will not be fought as long as the Oslo peace process continues. The Oslo agreements with the PLO have been the result of a process predicated on the notion of a new Middle East which does not exist other than in the mind of Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

The policies of the present Israeli government have destroyed Israel's intelligence capability, emasculated the Israel Defense Forces and legitimated the world's premiere terrorist organization for over 25 years - the PLO, and its head, the Godfather of international terror, Yasser Arafat. This does not foster peace, it breeds terrorism and warfare.

The facts speak for themselves.

1. In the 2 1/2 years prior to the signing of the Oslo Agreement (March 9, 1991 to September 8, 1993) 99 Israelis were killed by Palestinian terrorists. In the 2 1/2 years since the signing (September 9, 1993 to March 8, 1996) 213 Israelis have been slaughtered by Palestinian terrorists in Israel. * An increase of over 100%.
2. The four worst years of Arab terror since 1967 in which the largest number of Israelis were killed or maimed were the past four years under the Labor/Meretz government, 1994, 1996, 1993, 1995 - in that order.

The "Peace process" has brought only death and destruction, pain and suffering. No international conference committed to its continuation can fight terrorism. Only a new government led by Benjamin Netanyahu, which seeks peace in a rational and responsible fashion can bring real peace-by truly fighting Arab terrorism at the same time. Not with a charade of proclamations, handshakes, staged productions and international festivals are peace and security achieved, but rather with the sober understanding of unpleasant realities and with the patience and the courage to act.

* These are the official statistics of "Peace Watch" and include attacks in Yesha. The number of victims include foreign visitors to Israel and Arabs who were killed in attacks aimed at murdering Jews.

Israeli Citizens for Change and The Yesha Council



Ethiopian culture museum opens in Tel Aviv

BATSHEVA TSUR

BAHALACHIN, the Institute for Ethiopian Jewish Culture, was officially dedicated last night at a festive ceremony in Tel Aviv.

The institute, set up by the immigration cabinet in December 1992 and funded by the government, is dedicated to the heritage of Beita Yisrael and will encourage original works of art among members of the community. It aims to familiarize the general public with the cultural heritage of Ethiopian Jews.

Bahalachin ("our culture" in Amharic) is situated temporarily at 6 Simat Beit Hashoeva, but will later move to permanent quarters in Ramat Aviv.

A library donated by the late Richard and Juliette Gutmann of Strassbourg was also opened at the site. It contains written documentation about Ethiopian Jewry

from all over the world and is open to researchers and the general public. It will also encourage original research into the community's heritage and provide scholarships for Ethiopian-born students.

The library also contains a video section, where oral histories and folk music have been recorded, and a computerized genealogical section.

The museum is headed by former Beit Hatefutsoth director Dr. Eli Ben-Gal and most of the staff are Ethiopians.

Last night's ceremony was attended by Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, MK Emanuel Zissman, head of the Knesset Immigration Committee, Kessim, and other leaders of the Beita Yisrael community.

Man arrested for forgery is wrongly released lifer

RAINE MARCUS

A resident of Rahat arrested Sunday for forging identity cards for Palestinians was mistakenly released from prison a decade ago instead of serving a life sentence for murder, police said yesterday.

The foul-up was revealed during Naif Bahiri's remand hearing yesterday following his arrest by the Tel Aviv fraud squad.

In 1979 Bahiri was convicted of robbery by a district court and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment. He was acquitted of a murder charge, but the district attorney appealed and Bahiri was convicted by the Supreme Court and sentenced to life imprisonment.

But according to police, court officials forgot to fill in and sign the documents that he had been imprisoned for life. Bahiri was sent to prison for the robbery offenses and was released after seven years, after receiving a reduction for good behavior.

When he was arrested this week, police checked the central computer and realized that Bahiri should in fact be in prison for murder. He was remanded for nine days for the forgery offenses.

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David Rudge

Abraham Fund to bestow record award

The Abraham Fund is to award a record sum of \$ 826,000 this year to 68 programs and projects for promoting coexistence between Jews and Arabs here. The fund was established in 1989 by New York businessman and philanthropist Alan Slifka.

"We see a special importance in advancing the declared goals in these difficult days in which

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Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien has asserted that if the country is divisible, then so is Quebec. (AP)

Quebec: Agenda moves from secession to partition

HIS province rattled by bate campaigns and talk of partition, Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard is doing something unheard of for a separatist leader: speaking directly to Quebec's worried English-speaking minority.

He invited 400 prominent anglophones to a Montreal theater Monday night to launch "a new dialogue" with an influential but outnumbered community that is overwhelmingly opposed to his goal of independence for the province. "This venture to his foes was seen as a signal that Bouchard wants to launch a cooperative campaign to solve social and economic problems."

The main source of friction has been a nationwide debate — even among federal cabinet ministers — over the possible partition of Quebec in the event that it votes for independence. Partition advocates have plunged into detailed discussions of how anti-separatist regions of the province, including Montreal itself, might remain part of Canada in the event of Quebec's secession. Furthermore, the Indians and Inuit, most formidably, wish to take two-thirds of the province's territory with them.

Canada's Prime Minister Jean Chretien has asserted that if the country is divisible, then so is Quebec. He was effectively taking sides with voters in certain parts of the province who might wish to remain Canadian citizens.

In a recent speech to the House of Commons, he spoke eloquently of "renewing" and "modernizing" a "flexible" Canadian federal system. Chretien, who is unpopular in his native Quebec, advocated more power for the

provinces, referring repeatedly to "partnership" and the "Canadian economic union" — terms lifted from the language of the separatists' referendum proposals last October.

And Canada's two-year-old Liberal government has been grappling with the idea of a national referendum on Quebec's future. In its official mission statement for the second half of its electoral mandate, the government warned that "as long as the prospect of another Quebec referendum exists, the government will exercise its responsibility to ensure that... Canadians, no matter where they live, will have a say in the future of their country."

THE prospect of partition, with its Balkan overtones, is anathema to most French-speaking Quebecers, and even to many on Chretien's side of the debate who think it foolish and ultimately untenable.

"If partition happens, there would be a risk of violence more than in any other situation," said Rejean Pelletier, a Laval University political scientist. "It could sow the seeds of civil war."

Coinciding with the partition debate was an upsurge of political vandalism and anonymous threats, mostly targeting federalists. A brick was thrown through a window at the home of a prominent Montreal federalist, and a group claiming links with a 1960s-era terrorist campaign sent threatening letters to seven companies which opposed separatism in October's secession referendum.

Authorities, taking the threats seriously, set up a special investigative unit made up of provin-

cial, Montreal and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers.

Due mostly to Bouchard's charismatic campaigning, the separatists almost won the October referendum, receiving 49.4 percent of the votes. Another referendum is expected within two years. Recent polls show the separatists would win if a vote were held now.

Anglophones, who number about 800,000 out of Quebec's 7.3 million people, are pleased Bouchard is thinking about them. But there is skepticism as to whether he will address their demands regarding civil-service job opportunities and restrictive language laws.

A group of 16 anglophone leaders urged Bouchard to reform a controversial education law so immigrants from English-speaking countries can send their children to English schools. "A demoralized but determined English-speaking community will be listening very closely," the group said in a statement.

On Monday, Bouchard is set to launch another important initiative, convening a three-day economic summit of business, labor and political leaders to discuss how to tackle Quebec's budget deficit while lowering its 11.3 percent jobless rate. Prominent corporate executives who campaigned against separatism last year are among the 54 invitees.

There is widespread curiosity in Quebec about how Bouchard can fulfill his promises to slash spending without antagonizing labor unions and left-wing separatists who traditionally have formed the backbone of the independence movement. (AP, The Washington Post)

Cultural gaps rack Jewish-Moslem dialogue in LA

TOM TUGEND

THE same spirit that brought Israeli and Arab leaders together at today's anti-terrorist summit meeting at Sharm el-Sheikh was widely reflected in Los Angeles last week.

While the city's Jewish and Moslem leaders hailed their unprecedented unity in condemning the spate of suicide bombings in Israel, both sides expressed some frustration at the "cultural misunderstandings" that marked their dialogues.

Jews and Moslems came together at three separate events last Thursday.

Israel's Minister-without-Portfolio Rabbi Yehuda Amital joined three leaders of the local Moslem community in a private, hour-long discussion at the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance.

Afterwards Amital, a leading moderate Orthodox voice, expressed fears that the peace process, which he has supported from the beginning, will break down if the suicide bombings continue.

"We hope for a common statement by senior Moslem leaders against religious terrorism," he said.

Rabbi Marvin Riser, dean of the

Wiesenthal Center, was more specific: "Moslem leaders must declare in clear terms that terrorists are not 'martyrs' who will be rewarded by banquets in heaven... They must say that terrorist acts desecrate the canons of all monotheistic religions."

Dr. Maher Hathout, head of the Islamic Center of Southern California, was not drawn into such a categorical denunciation, but he emphasized that "civilians should never be exposed to injury. It is very frightening if such acts are committed in the name of religion."

Hathout expressed some irritation that neither the media nor the Jewish community were paying attention to his or other local Moslem voices.

"For the last 20 years, we have denounced exposing civilians to terror, but others have not been listening," he said.

Dr. Aslam Abdullah, editor of *The Minaret* magazine, struck a welcome emotional note, declaring, "We also cry when we see an Israeli child cry."

Israeli Consul-General Yoram Ben-Ze'ev hailed the dialogue but

noted that "We still have to struggle over cultural misunderstandings between Israelis and Palestinians, Jews and Moslems."

RABBI Jerrold Goldstein, director of the Hiller Center at the California State University, Northridge, spelled out both commonalities and differences with his Moslem colleagues, following an interfaith memorial service on his campus.

The service was initiated by Ahmed El-Gabalawy, director of the campus Moslem center, and brought together some 75 Moslem, Jewish and Christian students. Among them were 25 students in an Introduction to Islam class. El-Gabalawy cited the Koran, saying, "Whoever kills a soul for no reason, it is as if he had killed all of humanity."

Goldstein said later that he was disappointed that his Moslem colleague would not make a "flat-out condemnation" of terrorism. "There seems to be something in the Arab culture that keeps them from such a condemnation of fellow Moslems," he said. This failure may puzzle or annoy Jews, "but we have to accept

Moslems on their own cultural grounds and mode of expression," he added.

At the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), more than 200 students took part in a silent memorial march across campus, with some holding up signs inscribed with the names and ages of victims of the recent terrorist bombings.

The event, organized by the Jewish Student Union and the Hiller Foundation, included the participation of members of the Moslem Students Association.

As a follow-up to the Wiesenthal Center dialogue, its leaders hope to organize a future roundtable with the participation of Moslem and Jewish leaders from many countries, said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, the center's associate dean.

In a similar vein, Hathout and his Moslem colleagues asked in a written statement that "The White House, State Department and leaders of Congress should facilitate and sponsor forums comprising Moslems and Jews... to determine constructive measures to stop the cycle of violence in the Middle East and in our society."

Keeping tots happy with an infant at home

PARENTING
RUTH MASON

WHAT are some creative ways to keep my five-year-old occupied while I take care of our five-month-old?

Efrat Tenenbaum, Adlerian parenting group leader, says:

The underlying assumption of the Adlerian approach is that all children need a sense of belonging. When a baby is born, an older child's feeling of belonging changes completely. You can't add an apple to a full basket without all the apples having to move.

It's important for parents to understand that the birth of a new child may be the best thing that can happen to an older child. It's very important that you as parents do not feel guilty for bringing another child into the family.

The message you give the older child shouldn't be that he or she is entitled to compensation. When there is a large age gap between the first and second child, parents usually tend to defend the older child, to identify with his or her distress.

Instead, you might consider that the older child now has the possibility of a connection that is one of the strongest connections we know of — brother- or sisterhood.

If parents understand this,



they'll also understand that the expectation that an older child's time will always be creative, pleasant and easy is unrealistic.

Many parents try to spend an hour or so a week just with the older child. It's wonderful to do that, but for a five-year-old, 15 minutes alone with you daily would be even better. Let him

choose the activity, even if he only wants to watch television with you.

Don't let the phone or other things interrupt you. When you have this little corner together, you can postpone some of the many demands that come up at other times. You might say, "I can't play Candy Land with you

right now, but we can play this evening during our special time."

Start with what's realistic and don't allow yourself to become frustrated. If 15 minutes a day seems impossible, start with what is possible. This way, your child knows he can count on at least some time with you alone.

Also keep in mind that our job as parents is not to be entertainment providers for our children. We need to give them the feeling that they can entertain themselves without our help, that we count on them to be able to play by themselves.

It's also important for a child's sense of belonging to know that he is useful and contributes to the family. And I don't mean just by bringing the baby bottle or finding the pacifier.

Catch him doing useful things and comment on them. You might say, "When you play in your room and I can drink my coffee in peace after a long, hard day, it really helps me." Or, "That joke you told made me laugh and put me in a good mood."

If you ask him to do something, expect that he may say no. If he says yes, praise him, tell him how much it helps, how nice it is to see that he's growing up and becoming independent.

If you have a question about parenting, write to: Parenting, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

Peanuts, Garfield, Beetle Bailey enshrined in new Florida comics museum

THE new International Museum of Cartoon Art was dedicated recently with the ultimate aim of winning recognition as fine art for Garfield, Beetle Bailey and thousands of cartoon cronies.

The \$15-million project enshrines some of the world's best-known cartoon characters and artists, spanning more than 200 years, under the roof of a sparkling new Mediterranean-style building in this upscale coastal community.

Brainchild of Mort Walker, creator of the venerable Beetle Bailey comic strip, the museum is intended to elevate the status of cartooning in the public eye.

"You know, Picasso is really a cartoonist," said Walker. "His stuff is funny. He exaggerates the human form. It's cartoon really. Yet they collect

Picasso in museums and they don't collect cartoons," he said.

While other cartoon museums exist, the new Boca Raton facility claims to house the largest and most varied collection anywhere, with some 160,000 original works, 1,300 square meters of display space and more than 1,000 artists from 50 countries.

Decorating its walls are original sketches of many beloved American artists — Walt Disney, Gary Trudeau, Jim Davis, Charles Schulz — and their creations — Mickey Mouse, Doonesbury, Garfield, Peanuts and others.

It also has gathered work by some of the world's best-known cartoonists and editorial artists, including Martyn Turner of Ireland, Peter Shrank of England, Rainer Hackfeld of Germany

and Monstafa Hussein of Egypt. On prominent display under the banner "Ze'ev — Eyewitness with a Smile" are the works of Israeli editorial cartoonist Ya'acov "Ze'ev" Farkas.

"I think cartoons are at a stage right now as a fine art where photographs were 50 years ago," said curator Gary Hood. "Fifty years ago photographs were considered a craft."

Hood said the museum's most valuable works are six pencil-drawn storyboards called "Plane Crazy," which were intended to be the first animated cartoon starring Minnie and Mickey Mouse.

The drawings, by Disney artist Ub Iwerks, were started prior to the creation of *Steamboat Willie*, Disney's first Mickey Mouse animation, but were set aside when *Willie* went into production. (Reuters)

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Discount leads gains on market

STOCK indexes rose yesterday, following gains on Monday by US stocks, as local companies reported rising fourth-quarter profits.

Gains were led by Israel Discount Bank, which went up 0.75 percent in its first day of trading.

The Maof Index rose 1.15% to 214.85 and the Two-Sided Index went up 1.27% to 204.94.

Of 992 issues trading across the exchange, nearly three times as many shares rose as fell.

More than NIS 83 million worth of shares traded.

"The whole world was waiting for America," said Dan Al, a broker with Tel Aviv Investment firm Nesnah Trading.

"It had a tremendous influence, but it wasn't the only positive factor in Tel Aviv."

FTSE slumps after weak start on Wall St.

LONDON (Reuters) - The FTSE index ended lower for the fifth consecutive session as a weak start on Wall Street, easier bonds, and an annual week-long major horse racing event at Cheltenham, kept buyers at bay.

The FTSE 100 index closed 35.0 points down at 3,639.5.

TOKYO - Tokyo shares ended firm but off their highs following a strong overnight recovery on Wall Street.

Dow falls 90, then closes up

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Stock prices closed with a slight gain in a roller-coaster session that saw the Dow index recover from a loss of more than 90 points.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 2.89 points at 5,838.89, according to early and unofficial estimates, but declines overtook advances by a 14-9 margin on the New York Stock Exchange.

Volatility was a strong 457 million shares.

HAMAS

(Continued from Page 1) discuss security arrangements, code-named "Operation Song 4," for the Clinton visit. An officer with the General Security Service VIP Security Department participated in the meeting.

"The visit comes after several very serious attacks... and we are doing our utmost to ensure that it passes quietly," Hefetz said.

He appealed to those planning demonstrations during the visit not to do so, to avoid further straining police manpower.

Some 10,000 policemen, nearly half the nation's police force, will be involved in securing the Clinton visit, police spokesman Aidi Gono said.

EGYPT

(Continued from Page 1) Interpol or regular consultations between cabinet level officials.

Another mechanism considered likely is regular working-level contacts between Israeli and Arab security officials, since cabinet level meetings could take on a political flavor.

Baz said it is "high time for concrete steps and measures" to be taken to "enhance security against terror" and for peace.

He refused to delve into specifics. The Egyptians would also like an explicit call to end the closure of the territories, but US and Israeli officials are dubious this would be accepted.

There have been indications that the closure will be eased. The conference is scheduled to last approximately five hours, with speeches, lunch, a group photo of all the leaders, and a press statement.

Peres has signaled his willingness to meet with all the Arab leaders in attendance. Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal was reportedly resisting such a meeting.

Clearly Arafat's speech will have particular interest to Israeli officials.

CLINTON

(Continued from Page 1) The overnight visit to Israel is meant to illustrate that the US will "stand with the people of Israel" in their time of grief.

Clinton said on the White House lawn before heading to Andrews Air Force Base.

"I will also bring a message: That in this time of difficulty and in the battle against terror and the struggle for peace, Israel is not alone."

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Canadiens win last game in Forum

MONTREAL (Reuters) - The storied Montreal Forum closed in victory Monday as the Canadiens defeated the Dallas Stars 4-1 behind a goal and two assists from Andrei Kovalenko and 21 saves by Jocelyn Thibault.

The Forum, home to the Canadiens since 1926, will be replaced by the new Molson Center beginning Saturday against the New York Rangers. The Habs won a record 24 Stanley Cups during their tenure at The Forum.

"I scored the last goal in the last game in the Forum," Kovalenko said. "Before the game, our coach told us we had to win this one. I will have good memories of this evening. It's a great celebration for me - one goal and two assists."

"What a great way to celebrate...the closing of the building and a win," Thibault said. "It was great to be in the nets for a game like that. Not only was it an historical commemoration but it was an important victory in the standings. It was a big win and the ceremony was even bigger."

assist as the Blackhawks raced to a six-goal lead and snuffed a four-game losing streak. The Blackhawks won for just the second time in nine games. Chicago defeated Florida for the second time this season and is 3-0-1 all-time against the Panthers.

Cantona leads Man United to FA Cup semis

MANCHESTER (Reuters) - Frenchman Eric Cantona scored one goal and set up another as Manchester United edged closer to a third successive English FA Cup final with a 2-0 quarter-final victory over Southampton on Monday.

Cole missed another opportunity and it looked as if United would pay for its wayward finishing as Southampton forced its way back into the match.

Sri Lanka: Rags to riches

CALCUTTA (Reuters) - Sri Lanka has its sights set on collective fame rather than fortune as it attempts to complete one of world cricket's most remarkable rags-to-riches stories by winning the World Cup.

runs, Anil Kumble may sometimes fail to take a wicket but nothing short of a nuclear catastrophe will stop Nayan Mongia appealing.

Hill paces Pistons

AUBURN HILLS (Reuters) - Grant Hill's 31 points and 10 rebounds led the Detroit Pistons to their sixth win in seven games, 100-90 over the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday.

step up for you." Dumars was 6-of-11 from three-point range. "When Joe is shooting like that and you get him the ball you know he's going to make it," Hill said.

Atlanta: a war zone?

ATLANTA (AP) - Georgia's attorney general says crime in Atlanta, this year's Olympic city, may be worse than in Sarajevo, the war-torn Bosnian capital that hosted the 1984 Winter Olympics.

Bowers said the population inside Atlanta's city limits dropped 15 percent from 1960 to 1994, while murders increased 185%, rapes 85% and robberies 1,634%.

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Historic sells Hapoel's soccer club
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